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## **HURRICANE WILMA RECOVERY REPORT**

**The Hurricane Information Line is activated.  
The number is (772) 462-2766.  
Residents should NOT call 911, except for emergencies.**

Hurricane Situation Report 19  
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### **Newest information is highlighted.**

#### CURRENT SITUATION:

Recovery efforts are currently underway countywide.

#### COUNTY ACTIONS:

##### **Curfew and ban on alcohol sales:**

- 64 curfew related arrests were made over night by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's office.
- A decision on tonight's curfew will be made by 3 p.m. today, Thursday, Oct. 27.
- The ban on alcohol sales is lifted countywide.

##### **FEMA:**

- St. Lucie County has been designated by the federal government as eligible for Individual Assistance. Residents should call (800) 621-FEMA to register for assistance. Residents should use the declaration #1609 when calling.

##### **Distribution Centers:**

- Both St. Lucie County distribution centers are closed. They will not reopen.

**Roving Bus Brigade:**

- St. Lucie County is continuing the “Bus Brigade” today, Thursday, Oct. 27 to those neighborhoods still without power. Some neighborhoods include: South Hutchinson Island, Spanish Lakes and some mobile home parks.
- Residents should look for vehicles from the St. Lucie County School District, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Community Transit and Southern Eagle Distributors (Budweiser Trucks) that will be distributing ice, water, hot meals and MREs (meals ready to eat).
- Not all vehicles will have all supplies.

**Other Distribution:**

- St. Lucie County will have the “Blue Tarp” Distribution Center at the St. Lucie County Civic Center, 2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27.

**Fort Pierce Utilities Authority:**

- Fort Pierce Utilities Authority reports 90% of its customers have been restored. 2,700 FPUA customers are not restored.

**FP&L:**

- FP&L reports approximately 56% of St. Lucie County customers restored. (57,700 restored; 45,200 without)

**Port St. Lucie Debris Pick Up Information:**

The following is provided regarding the status of the Public Works Department’s infrastructure and debris recovery:

- Debris Hotline 344-4009
- The City has issued a Notice To Proceed to AshBritt Environmental to mobilize and to start storm debris collections. Collection of debris is planned to start within the next couple of days. Residents are urged to bring their storm debris to the road edge (clear of the travel way). Separation of vegetated debris and other storm related debris should be separated for ease of processing and disposal.
- At this time the City will open one Temporary Debris Staging and Reduction Site (TDSRS). This site will be the Juliet Avenue city owned property, same TDSRS site used during last year’s hurricanes. Site preparations will commence within the next couple of days.
- If residents have small amounts of debris the material should be containerized in not more than 50-pound containers. This can be placed next to your solid waste containers for pickup. The better prepared and containerized your waste is the easier and faster it is to pickup.

**Port St. Lucie Solid Waste Information:**

- Solid Waste: Waste Management resumed solid waste collections Wednesday, Oct. 26.
- Recycling collections will be temporarily suspended.

**Schools:**

- St. Lucie County Public Schools will not open through this week. (Closed Thursday, Oct. 27 and Friday, Oct. 28).
- St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll Catholic High School opened Thursday, Oct. 27.
- St. Andrew's Episcopal School opened Thursday, Oct. 27.
- Sun Grove Montessori School opened Thursday, Oct. 27.
- All Indian River Community College classes at all campuses resumed Wednesday, Oct. 26.
- Florida Atlantic University will remain closed through Sunday, October 30 and will resume classes on Monday, Oct. 31.

**St. Lucie County Government:**

- Fairwinds Golf Course will open Friday, Oct. 28. However, the office will be open to the public today, Thursday, Oct. 27, so that patrons may reserve tee times.
- The St. Lucie County Historical Museum is opened today Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. However, the two nights of Haunted History scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> are cancelled.
- County (life-guarded) beaches opened today Thursday, Oct. 27.
- All St. Lucie County government offices are open to the public today, Thursday, Oct. 27.
- The St. Lucie County Landfill opened Wednesday, Oct. 26. Only regularly scheduled garbage pick-up is available countywide.
- The following County facilities opened today, Thursday, Oct. 27: Hurston, Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie & Lakewood Park branch libraries (Morningside branch does not have electricity) parks, Oxbow Eco-Center, Fort Pierce Community Center (Lincoln Park Community Center has no electricity).
- A local State of Emergency was declared at 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005.

**Shelters:**

- There are 5 residents in the Port St. Lucie Community Center that served as a special needs shelter. It will be closed today and the Health Department is finding places for those residents to go if they don't have power or damage to their homes.
- Westwood High School shelter location has been closed.
- The shelters at Lakewood Park Elementary in Fort Pierce and Morningside Elementary in Port St. Lucie are closed.

**Health Department:**

- Residents who have been unable to fill their oxygen tanks can call Oxypros to assist with refilling. Residents must bring empty oxygen cylinders to exchange for full cylinders. Call (772) 878-4142.
- The St. Lucie County WIC Program will resume services at both office locations on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- St. Lucie County residents dependent on well water who have no electricity at this time may pick up ready-to-feed infant formula at the Fort Pierce WIC office located at 714 Avenue C. Proof of address, infant identification and/or WIC ID card is required.

#### **Roads:**

- FEC is closing the crossing on Savannah Road in Fort Pierce until power is restored. Motorists will be unable to drive from U.S. 1 to Indian River Drive.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Street is open between Midway Road and Edwards Road.
- Bell Avenue from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to Sunrise Blvd. is closed due to flooding.
- Law enforcement urges residents to treat intersections with non-working lights as 4-way stops. Temporary stop signs have been placed at intersections where traffic signals are out. Residents should use caution at intersections. Each vehicle must come to a complete stop before proceeding through the intersection.

#### **St. Lucie County Utilities:**

- Boil water notice for the following St. Lucie County Utilities water customers: Lakewood Park and Bryn Mawr (North Hutchinson Island) until further notice.

#### **North and South Bridges:**

- North and South Bridges are open with no restrictions.

#### **Debris Pick-up (Unincorporated St. Lucie County):**

- The County will pick-up all eligible debris, Vegetative as well as Construction & Demolition (C&D) generated by Hurricane Wilma, from the Public Rights-of-Way, which lie within the Unincorporated Areas of St. Lucie County. Additionally, the County will pick-up debris staged adjacent to private roads and roadways within Gated Communities providing a Right-of-Entry form is filed with the County. Call (772) 462-3500 for additional information.
- For debris to be eligible it must be placed at the roadside by the homeowner(s), their Association, or a volunteer not-for-profit organization. If a contractor is contracted for tree removal or repairs to a structure, said contractor must be licensed and is held liable for legal disposal of all materials generated as a result of their services.
- Household waste placed within receptacles, recyclables and yard waste placed within bags and/or containers will be pick-up on their scheduled days. Hazard Materials are to be legally disposed of. Debris piles discovered to contain hazardous materials will not be picked up. Additionally, "White Goods" such as refrigerators, AC units, dishwashers, etc. should be placed at the curbside separately for pick-up.
- Pick-up times for the debris will be established at a later date.

#### **Recycling:**

- For residents of urban, unincorporated St. Lucie County, curbside recycling is suspended until further notice.

**Bellsouth:**

- Customers who report outages are eligible for pro-rated bills.
- Residential customers without service are asked to telephone (toll free) 877-737-2478.
- Business customers without service are asked to call (toll free) 866-620-6900.
- Hearing impaired customers without service are asked to call (toll free) 888-341-2355.
- Report outages on the web at [www.bellsouth.com/repair](http://www.bellsouth.com/repair).

**Comcast Cable**

- If you have power and no cable, call (800) COMCAST (266-2278).

**Illegal Dumping:**

- Residents and business owners are reminded that it is illegal to dump debris/trash in unauthorized areas. Authorities will monitor and prosecute any violators.

**Donations:**

- Mustard Seed is accepting non-perishable items. Please call 772-465-6021.
- Treasure Coast Food Bank at 3051 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Fort Pierce, is accepting non-perishable food items. Please call 772-971-3337

**Volunteers:**

- Call 462-2766 to volunteer to assist with recovery efforts.

**Fort Pierce:**

- Fort Pierce City Hall is open as of Tuesday, Oct. 25.
- The Indian Hills Golf Course is closed until further notice.

**Port St. Lucie:**

- Port St. Lucie City Hall will OPEN Thursday, Oct. 27.
- Normal garbage pick up service will continue on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

**Courts:**

- Courts in St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River counties are open today in Fort Pierce, Wednesday, October 26.

**Generator Safety:**

- NEVER use a generator indoors, including in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, and other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation. DO NOT refuel inside and allow the generator to cool down before refueling.

**Community Transit:**

- Community Transit is fully operational today, Thursday, Oct. 27.